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SEX OFFENDERS IN WEST TENNESSEE GO ON CONTINUOUS MONITORING *GPS ROLLOUT IN 20 COUNTIES THIS WEEK*

Nashville, Tennessee --- The Board of Probation & Parole (BOPP) is expanding use of a powerful tool to strengthen supervision of sex offenders and other high-risk offenders in west Tennessee. State probation and parole officers are undergoing training Monday on use of new Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring equipment. This technology gives authorities another method to use in keeping tabs on convicted sexual predators and other violent offenders.

Reporters are invited to come by to see the new equipment, interview program experts and find out more about Tennessee's GPS expansion.

WHO: State GPS Program Director Kirk Smith, BOPP
WHEN: Monday, November 26, 2:00pm
WHERE: BOPP District Office, Jackson
Casey Building, 417 East Lafayette Street
(4th floor conference room)

Officers involved in this week's training are from the following counties: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Tipton and Weakley.

The Board of Probation and Parole (<http://www2.state.tn.us/bopp/home.htm>) is an independent seven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Board is charged with the responsibility of deciding which eligible felony offenders will be granted parole and released from incarceration to community-based supervision. Along with the supervision of those granted parole, the Board is also responsible for supervising felony offenders who are placed on probation by criminal courts.

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